



May 27, 1983

Mr. Arthur A. Klekner  
Director  
Office of Security and Safety  
U. S. General Accounting Office  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Klekner:

On February 15, 1983, I met with you to discuss the circumstances surrounding the reclassification of the General Accounting Office (GAO) report entitled, "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America," GGD-75-80. Since that meeting, I have met with representatives from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the Department of State (State). As a result of these meetings and a re-review of the report by these agencies, the reclassification issue has been resolved in favor of declassification. I enclose copies of each agency's letter relating this decision, including the cover page of the report, as physically marked for declassification by the Honorable Frances M. Mullen, Jr., Acting Administrator of DEA.

Please note that DEA has forwarded the report to its Freedom of Information unit for review and processing of the request referred to it by GAO, in order that it may consider the applicability of exemptions other than security classification that may restrict access to portions of the report. DEA has requested that the report not be released until its FOIA processing has been completed.

I am also enclosing the copy of the report that you loaned to this office. We have marked the report to reflect its declassification. Please take the necessary steps to notify all current holders of the report that it is declassified as of May 17, 1983.

I very much appreciate the excellent cooperation of you and your staff during our inquiry into the classification of the report. If you have any questions, please call me on 535-7251.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL  
Director

Enclosures